

# WASHINGTON STATE

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

### MONTHLY REPORT

*JANUARY - 2007*

CATEGORY	2007	2006	YTD 07	YTD 06
CSEPP INCIDENTS	2	2	2	2
DOE INCIDENTS	0	1	0	1
FIRE	5	7	5	7
HAZMAT	220	198	220	198
OTHER	43	21	43	21
911 OUTAGES	4	2	4	2
SAR	41	52	41	52
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	2	4	2	4
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	2	(4)	2	(4)
TOTAL	317	287	317	287

#### LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages
ESAR	Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A series of strong Pacific storms kicked off the New Year in Washington causing the National Weather Service to issue numerous weather Watches and Warnings throughout the state beginning with a Winter Storm Watch for several portions of Washington. This was followed by Winter Storm Warnings, Flood Warnings, and High Wind Warnings. Several power outages, minor flooding, and small mud slides were reported in the Puget Sound area. Snohomish County EOC

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and Seattle EOC both activated for the storms on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The final weather service warning for this series of storms, a Flood Warning for the Klickitat River near Pitt in Klickitat County ended on the evening of January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- On January 4, the National Weather Service issued a series of Winter Storm Watches and Warnings for the Olympics and Cascades mountains along with portions of NE Washington. Additionally, Gale Warnings were issued for all marine waters of Puget Sound as the storm front approached. During the weekend, Winter Storm Warnings were again issued for the Cascades, Olympics and mountains of Northeast Washington. In conjunction, a High Wind Watch was issued for portions of Central and Southeast Washington. This series of strong weather systems continued to sweep across the state resulting in Emergency Declarations declared by Douglas and Chelan Counties for severe winds on January 7 and 8.
- On January 10, the National Weather Service issued Heavy Snow Warnings and Snow Advisories for all of western Washington. Snow and freezing temperatures gridlocked highways during major commutes amid some of the coldest temperatures of the season.
- On January 11, Kitsap County initiated a search for a 30 year old female and her two children, ages 7 months and 2 years. The family was reported missing in a wooded area southwest of Port Orchard during the January storm in temperatures below freezing. Additional search dogs from Pierce County were utilized in the search. All three were located in good condition.
- On January 14, Snohomish County commenced a search for 64-year old mentally disabled male. Additional search and rescue dog teams from King County assisted in the search. The subject was located later that evening in good condition.
- On January 15, the National Weather service issued a Heavy Snow Warning for Jefferson, Clallam, Kitsap, and Mason Counties along the Hood Canal Region. Three to five inches of snow is expected along the region. Additionally, a Snow Advisory was issued for the urban areas of Western Washington. The warning and advisory expired on the late morning of January 16<sup>th</sup>.

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- On January 16, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office requested additional assistance to conduct a rescue of a boy who fell through the ice on Martha Lake. Additional SAR divers from King, Pierce and Thurston Counties were contacted for assistance. Body recovery operations were completed that day.
- On January 28, King County commenced a rescue of an injured 19 year-old male hiker on McClellan Butte. Additional Mountain Rescue from Snohomish and Pierce Counties assisted in the rescue. Individual was transported to a local area hospital in stable condition.
- For the month of January 2007 the SEOO's:
  - Issued 172 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Issued 59 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Conducted 1,140 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Coordinated 21 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
  - Participated in 39 exercises of which 35 were vessel spill drills
  - Made 1,170 and answered 1,498 telephone calls
  - Conducted 1,922 National Warning System Tests, conducted 292 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
  - Conducted 58 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
  - Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
  - Conducted 6 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)